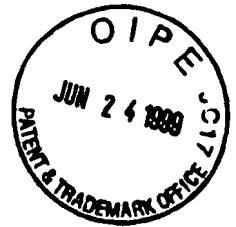


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☒ Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449- Information Disclosure Citation together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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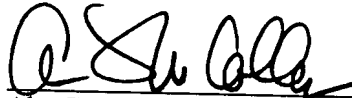
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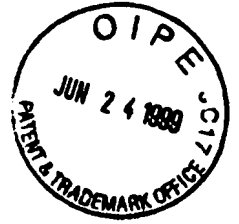
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following are additional documents that have been filed in the civil action described in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on April 2, 1999, and are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56:

Volume V

- CDS' THIRD MOTION AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)
- EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF CDS' THIRD MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)

Volume VI

- ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION TO CDS'S THIRD MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,752,882 (ON-SALE BAR)

Volume VII

- DEPOSITION OF JOSE VEGA DATED JANUARY 25, 1999 WITH EXHIBIT NOS. 191, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198

In a May 24, 1999 telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned, consideration of the information submitted in the April 2 IDS was discussed. Because a notice of allowance issued in this application on March 29, 1999, applicant agreed to file a Continued Prosecution Application, which is submitted with this document. As discussed, this would permit the Examiner to consider both the information in the April 2 IDS ("the first motion papers") and documents from the civil action relating to a second 102(b) motion filed by CDS ("the second motion papers"). Some of these second motion papers are contained in the accompanying Volumes V and VI, but CDS has not yet filed a reply to Acres' opposition (Volume VI) because the court hearing the civil action has suspended briefing on the second 102(b) motion. The suspension was in response to a request by CDS to permit it to submit additional material and arguments in yet another 102(b) summary judgment motion. Because it is unclear when—or even if—CDS will file a reply in the second 102(b) motion, applicant decided to submit this IDS disclosing the second motion papers without further delay.

The second motion papers largely rehash the issues dealt with in the first motion papers. Many of the exhibits in the second motion papers are contained in the first motion papers: Exhibits H, I, J, L, O, P, Q, R, S, T, Y, and AA in the second motion papers are all included in Volume IB submitted with the April 2 IDS. The new exhibits in the second motion papers relate to the same issues, as can be seen by reviewing CDS's briefs from both the first and second motion papers. Moreover, many of the exhibits from the second motion papers could have been presented when the first motion was filed, but were not.

Exhibit K from the EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF CDS' MEMORANDUM, etc. (in the accompanying Volume V) and Exhibit I from ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION, etc. (in the accompanying Volume VI) are not included to comply with a protective order entered in the civil action. In addition, a portion of page 22 in ACRES GAMING'S OPPOSITION, etc. quotes from Exhibit I and is therefore redacted to comply with the protective order.

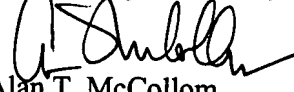
Volume VII is the January 25, 1999 transcript of the deposition of Jose Vega and the exhibits thereto as noted on the attached Form 1449. If the Examiner would like to see additional exhibits, applicant will provide them. Please address any questions or requests to the undersigned attorney for applicant.

Finally, applicant would like to supplement a statement made in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application (serial no. 08/922,046) on December 23, 1999. On page 1 of the attachment to the IDS, applicant stated that: "the items on page 1 and 2 were previously submitted and reviewed by Examiner Schaff in U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

08/465,717, filed on June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,817." Applicant has since discovered that the IDS with which the items were submitted in the '717 application on June 19, 1998, and again on July 20, 1998, was apparently not associated with the file in the US Patent and Trademark Office. These items consequently do not appear to have been reviewed by the Examiner in the application issuing as the '817 patent.

Applicant requests the that the Examiner review the information submitted with this document and issue a notice of allowability.

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